Fifth Sunday of Easter



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday — $\overline{7}$:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Monday - 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Wednesday-6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory First Saturday - 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email. **RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN**

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel has reopened. The Main Church is also accessible from this entrance for your convenience.

FUNERALS

Please contact the Church Office to make Funeral Service arrangements prior to your appointment with the Funeral Home.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

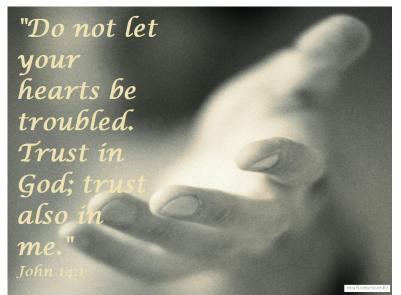
your child's Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Church Office six months prior to the desired date of marriage. No dates for marriage are reserved until after the first marriage interview with clergy.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.



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Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those You were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under Your protective care, bear much Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for fruit and come to the joys of Life Eternal.

Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Butch and Debbie White, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Rowena Borel, Falyn Sonnier, Caline Provost, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat and Elaine Villermin, Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomassee, Lon Prioux, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Mike Habetz, Lori Brasseaux, Jamie Brady, Lisa N. Dugas, Nona Bourque, Leroy Begnaud, Betty Champagne, Leroy and Gloria Courville, Anna Richard, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, June Granger, Max Borres, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, Ned Dugas, Ted Habetz, David Dupuy, Hazel LeBlanc, Ava Rose

and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Ray Broussard, Anne Adcock Hebert, Shyla Romero, Curt Tauzin, Randy Jett, Nicholas Richard, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Joan Arceneaux, Robert LeBlanc, Sr., Kaylee Landry, Junelle Jefferies, Robin Neuville

April 30, 2023		
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,566.00	
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 2,825.00	
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,391.00	
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00	
Difference	+\$ 6.00	
Present Loan Balance	\$ 206,027.33	
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 27.00	
Insurance Balance 2022-2023	\$ 841.00	
Insurance Collection	\$ 689.00	

Altar Flowers were donated in memory of Hariette Boudreaux

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for For the Community

The Vocation Chalice is at the home of Gerald and Ethel Dugas Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254

> The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of Parishioners

> Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for

Vance Breaux Sr., Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Deyna Champagne Harold Champagne, Chad Romero Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious Steve and Donna Berard Special Intention Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere, Kerney Louviere Will and Lilly Roberts, Breaux and Delcambre Families

Mass Intentions -5/6 - 5/12

Saturday 4:00 p.m. StJo - Robert Lee Prados, Lucille Breaux Prados, Elivage Prados, Mathilda Prados, Becky Doucet Ancestors and Descendants, Sidney Breaux, Family, Craig Breaux, Pauline Guidry, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Audrie Hebert Delahoussaye, Myrtle and Forbus Mestayer, Sr., Arville and Theresa Douet, Clarence and Maydel Peltier, Louis and Elbay Judice, Earl and Jeannette Guidry, Mark D. Tauzin, Edmond "Ray" Broussard, JoAnne N. Broussard, Jean and Noelie Laviolette, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Robert Judice, Sr., Boo Castille, Debbie Hebert, Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, Robert Judice, Sr., Butch Thomas, Carl Wayne Judice, John Vedia and Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Earl and Jeannette Guidry, Louis and Elbay Judice, Evelyn Moulis, Joe Escagne, Sam and Glo Delcambre, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Roslie LeJeune, John Lacour, Special Intention, Gloria Albert (Special Intention), Ossie Romero, Jr., Daisy and Perfice Armentor, Billy Degeyter, Chester "Butch" Gonsoulin and Parents, Mutchie Ransonet, Rut and Daisy Ransonet, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Nola Champagne, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Billy Degeyter, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Perry J. Judice, Lorrain Breaux Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Otto, Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and

MINISTERS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
May 13 4:00 p.m.	Claudette Thibodeaux	Margaret Bonin	Volunteers
May 14 7:00 a.m.	Russell Steiner	Carolyn Roseberry	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Linda Thomas	Volunteers

Please pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Deacons

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special men. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

May 7	Rev. Nicholas Ware/Brother Francis Xavier Gyles
	Dcn. Douglas Wimberly
May 8	Rev. Kyle White/Coby Hebert
	Dcn. Byrne Winn
May 9	Rev. Rysard Zawadzki, SVD/Evan Hebert
	Dcn. Jerry Wyble
May 10	Rev. Travis Abadie/William Hebert
	Dcn. Michael Yenik
May 11	Rev. Lawrence Abara/Caleb Henry
	Dcn. Thomas Adams, Sr.
May 12	Rev. Francis Agbley/Eric Hernandez
	Dcn. Art Bakeler
May 13	Rev. Pius Ajiki/Michael Johnson
	Dcn. Scotty Baudoin

Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo - Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Rickie Oubre, Ryan and Landry Family, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Prados, Sr., Virginia Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hebert, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Henry and Renella Pelafigue and Josh, Roland and Pee Wee Broussard, Cloures Dugas, Jimmy Clifton, Jeanne an Albert Broussard, Mayor Al, Lora Bloom, Noelie Seneca, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Hariette Boudreaux, John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Tommy Breaux, Jennings Fournet, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ransonet, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, S.J. "Bute" Granger, Junius and Mary Hebert, Lovell Romero.

10:30 a.m. StJo — Katie Boutte, Jan Bourque, C.L. Romero, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Larry Crochet, Lawrence Albert, Abel Louviere Family, Kelly Louviere, Theodore Thibodeaux Family, Tim Edler, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Loretta Judice VanBrocklin, Matthew Thibeaux, Louis Thibeaux Family, Edmond Lancon Family, Viator and Judice Fly, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Louto and Anite Gondron, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wayne Guillory and Mathilde Romero, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Pliny and Caroline Breaux Walet, Cathy Defelice, Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Angelle Family.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Brian Derouen.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo - Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola

Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Jason Suarez Family, Cameron Barrilleaux Family, Destani Armstong Family.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo - Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne, Families Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew "Toupee" Bonin.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo - Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Gam and Velma Gondron, Eric Suire, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.



Postmodernism, Transgenderism, and Wokism

by Fr. George Schultze, SJ

The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker strikes a chord that reverberates through the body and soul of every reflective Catholic boy or man. Without denying the contributions women have made in every era, Catholic men sitting in parish pews across the world invariably cast their gaze on the statue of Saint Joseph because it communicates meaning and purpose.

The Spouse of Mary and designated temporal father of Jesus connects our work-life efforts to the transcendent. Following Joseph's lead, his Son divinized our work efforts in the home, on the job,

for ourselves and others.

Joseph's sturdy, quiet image projects the authority of a father and the gentleness of a husband who wants what is true, beautiful, and good for his loved ones. Reflective faithful single men, husbands, and fathers hope to emulate Joseph's love for Jesus and Mary within their own families.

Just as Mary points to her Son as the Way -----"Do what He says" - Joseph's commitment and dedication point to Jesus as the ultimate, true Guide for all of us. As the Gospels of Matthew and Luke attest, both Joseph and Mary traced their lineage to the Patriarchs who lead the Israelites throughout their history, in good times and bad. Chosen by God the Father and with the work of the Holy Spirit, Mary and Joseph became the earthly Guardians and Teachers of God the Son.

Transitional Diaconate Ordination Saturday, May 20, 2023 10 am, St. John Cathedral



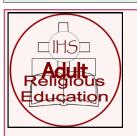


As this is a great honor for our parish family to have one of our own children to be ordained to the diaconate or priesthood, it is entirely appropriate for each of us to make every effort to attend this ceremony in support of John and his family.

Supper and Reception following the 4:00 p.m. Mass Please call the Parish Office at 229-4254 to make reservations

What is the transitional diaconate?

The temporary state of men who intend to complete further studies for ordination to the priesthood. Before their ordination as deacons they must indicate whether they wish to enter the permanent or the transitional diaconate. They must also decide whether to marry or remain celibate. Once they are ordained deacons, they cannot marry and continue in the Church's ministry.



Father Crochet will be hosting Adult Religious Education on Tuesday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Church Rectory

Everyone is invited, no registration necessary.

Many statues depict Saint Joseph holding a wooden staff or a long-stemmed lily that both represents a staff and a sign of Joseph's purity. The blossoming lilv/staff alludes to the blossoming staff of Aaron which signified God's choice of the men of the tribe of Levi to serve as the Chosen People's priests (Numbers 17).

Recall Moses's encounter with the burning bush (Exodus 3-4). God told Moses to throw his staff to the ground. It became a serpent, but when God told Moses to pick it up by its tail it became his staff again. The Scripture later calls it the "staff of God." Moses uses it to part the Red Sea (Exodus 14). At Rephidim, Moses holds it up with the help of Aaron and Hur to defeat the Amalekites (Exodus 17). He also uses it to strike a rock for the Israelites (Continued on next page)

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to drink water at Massah and Meribah (Exodus 17). David only had his staff, a sling, and five rocks when he slew Goliath (I Samuel 17).

The Ark of the Covenant held a gold jar of manna, the tablets of the Ten Commandments, and Aaron's staff that bore buds and almonds (Hebrews 9:4). The image of Joseph and his staff reminds us of our Salvation History.

Given our faith, the staff symbolizes the Truth of God's protection, guidance, and loving Authority as opposed to our human frailty, waywardness, and self-indulgence.

In other depictions, Saint. Joseph adores the baby Jesus at the Nativity, holds the child Jesus in his arms, or works with the young Jesus at his side. Saint Joseph's quiet, steady, and loving presence offers every Catholic a source of inspiration.

In the late 19th century, May 1 became a day for marches, demonstrations, speeches, and political efforts to rally workers and their families across the globe, especially with the demand for an 8-hour workday.

The impetus for the May 1 date came in the wake of the 1886 Hay Market Affair in Chicago, where policemen and demonstrators died from a bombing and an exchange of gunfire. Eight alleged perpetrators were found guilty of the bombing, four were executed, but others were ultimately pardoned. International socialist groups and labor unionists marked May 1 as a day for annual labor demonstrations and it remains a day to remember the needs and rights of workers across the globe.

The Church, however, had long recognized that Marxian materialism and determinism rejected God and, therefore, denied the transcendent character of faith-filled work and home life. In 1955, Pope Pius XII established May 1 as the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker to remind Catholics and others that Jesus benefited from His parents' efforts and toil, and His life sanctified work for all of us. Our spiritual nature and our capacity for selftranscendence make work meaningful and bearable.

The Church, moreover, teaches that every human being has equal dignity, while affirming the obvious fact that we are not all equal. Postmodern activists and their enablers want the world to live by their "nonbinary" mantra, which is another attempt to stifle our spiritual nature and to live solely for immediate material ends.

The Scriptural accounts of Joseph and Mary continue to present and raise up their God-given gifts and vocations. By loving God the Father, each other, and God the Son, their example continues to manifest the sacred and spiritual to us.

Many postmodernists mistakenly want us to believe that women and men are biologically and physiologically the same (nonbinary), and therefore promote one's freedom and will to "transition" from one sex to another. Thus, belying the obvious. Their embracing of "transitioning" requires their recognition and acceptance of the two sexes.

While we are made of the same flesh and bone, faith and reason point out the complementarity of men and women, as well as this complementarity's importance for procreation and self-preservation. The iconic image of the Holy Family is eternal. To live it is to affirm one's gifts and vocation by serving others, that is, to transcend oneself for the good of others. To be open to unconditional Truth, love, goodness, beauty, and being, is to be a loving person.

If Catholics struggle to embrace the ethos of the Holy Family, then they need to continue to reflect and pray to the God Who created them and loves them. With perseverance, patience, and trust in Providence, as modeled by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, they will discover their meaning and purpose. But the discovery requires surrendering one's liberty, memory, understanding, and will to God. This is the path to true happiness.

Today's nonbinary moment and its distortions will not hold; vigilant and responsible parents, teachers, and communities must protect and defend children. The postmodern philosophical rejection of all narratives is a narrative — moreover, a godless narrative. The nonbinary advocates are pushing their peculiar and dangerous narrative on others, without calling it a narrative. To stand up to their bullying requires the love and fortitude of a Saint Joseph, husband, father, and worker.

Faithful Catholics will acknowledge historical, social, and political injustices committed against people and will work for justice, with faith and reason. But they will always accept the Creator's natural order in the complementarity of the sexes.

Postmodernism is a narrative of subjectivism and relativism. Nonbinary advocates champion a future society without rules and boundaries, but, in effect, they want to construct a society with *their* rules and boundaries. For example, they will establish boundaries that deny parents authority over their children. They live off of the convoluted thinking of Michel Foucault that made madness and sexual licentiousness new norms. They encourage a state of *certain* uncertainty (constant doubt) with the confusing language and text of Jacque Derrida. Yet, Derrida had to live his reality (day-to-day life) conceding to forms, concepts, and social conventions, including language.

The postmodernists have followed Friedrich Nietzsche's so-called *will to power* to force their faithless "social construct" on the rest of us. This mistaken thinking, over time, will inevitably fail, just as the logical positivism of the 20th Century met its logical end by the law of non-contradiction. Postmodernists are materialists, living in an affluent space and time, who mistakenly believe that promoting the sensual and eliminating the spiritual will bring people fulfillment.

Pope Paul VI's *Humane Vitae* was correct, procreation should not be separated from human sexuality. The nonbinary promoters are not responding to a God who created them, loves them, and only asks for love in return. Pope Francis has referred multiple times to genderism as a new form of "colonization."

Reflecting on Saint Joseph the Worker, the Church presents a man with goodwill, discipline, and courage. In a gender-focused world, these characteristics are too often lost in the smear of masculine toxicity. Women have made great strides and contributions to work life in the modern era. They have more opportunities than ever before, and their gifts are evident to anyone who thinks. Amid these successes, academics and social commentators are questioning the swing of the education and employment pendulum to a degree that significantly displaces males.

Almost 25 years ago, Christina Hoff Sommers wrote 'The War Against Boys: How Misguided Policies are Harming Our Young Men. She described the challenges they faced in school and life while underscoring their importance to America's future. She concluded that academics, administrators, and teachers discouraged the competitiveness and exuberance found in boys, in essence deconstructing them. She cited literature reviews of scientific studies "showing a strong biological basis for many gender differences." Hoff Sommers found that boys needed more discipline than girls. They needed "conventional male socialization" from her perspective but not a disregard for their manhood.

In 2022, Richard Reeves published **Of Boys** and Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do about It. In his analysis, the U.S. educational system is structured against boys, and traditional male jobs will continue to disappear. He points out that today 58% of bachelor's degrees go to women. Although the traditional role of the "male breadwinner" will not return, society can find the means to support boys and men.

Commenting that men are not "toxic," he argues for a "positive vision of masculinity that is compatible with gender equality." Other recommendations include starting boys later in school because "chronological age and developmental age are different for boys and girls," preparing males for higher-paying work in the growing fields of health care, administration, and education (especially hiring more male teachers), and increasing the number of technical schools. He argues for equal paid leave for the care of children, a "symmetrical contribution."

Reeves says that a child's life is improved when a father who lives outside the home stays in contact. But I would add that the cultural acceptance of divorce has made this a challenging and imperfect solution. I venture that in his heart and mind he recognizes the advantage of a culture that respects marriage and its relationship to the transcendent.

The example of Saint Joseph the Worker remains valid and vibrant because a life committed to love and Truth is timeless. The sanctity of a marriage between a man and a woman is the source of the vital cell of every society, the family. Priests, religious men and women, and Catholic laity have a responsibility to live and teach the truth.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

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Mary and True Humanity by John M. Grondelski

May and October are the special months when Catholics traditionally honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. In recent years, Marian piety has seen a recovery from decline during the first decades after Vatican II. The reasons for the eclipse ranged from the alleged "excesses" of Marian devotion among Catholics to ecumenical sensitivity towards Protestants, from a simplistic focus on "Christology" to disparagement of popular devotions as the opiate of Catholic deplorables. Happily, such lame arguments and agendas seem to be disappearing.

A theme that I believe remains undeveloped in Marian theology, however, is her role — along with Jesus Himself as an exemplar of what it means to be human.

One of Pope Saint John Paul II's favorite principles, already found in his first encyclical, *Redemptor hominis*, was that Jesus Christ shows what it truly means to be human: "Christ the Lord. Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the Mystery of the Father and of His love, *fully reveals man to himself* and brings to light his most high calling. (¶ 8 and 10) That quotation comes directly from Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et spes.*(¶ 22)

Note that the emphasis is put on Jesus' humanity. Yes, Jesus fully reveals God to us. But He also reveals man to us. Saint John Paul tirelessly invoked Christ as the Model of true humanity, of the human response in love to Love Himself.

What remains relatively undeveloped is how that idea applies to Mary.

Now, Mary's fullness of grace is not Her own; She is the beneficiary of Her own Son's redemption. That said, Her privileged benefits were so great that She shared preveniently in that redemption through Her Immaculate Conception: Mary, conceived without sin.

The Council of Chalcedon made clear that Jesus' human nature was intact, whole, entire, and active: what the human being named Jesus did, He did as a real man. That human nature was not, as I think Karl Rahner once opined, just along for the ride.

That said, there may perhaps be some lingering imbalance in how Catholics understand the hypostatic union (if they ever think of it, even if not under that technical term). Thinking of the God-man,



we sometimes tend to accentuate the former element.

That's why getting to know Mary as a Model for humanity is important. The theoretical problem doesn't even enter the picture.

Mary is true man (in the universal sense of "human" that drives some feminists nuts). She is not divine (even though She is "Mother of God"). So She embodies and models what it is to be, live, and act as a human being *as God intended all of us to be, live, and act.*

One Marian title is the "New Eve," because — in contrast to the first woman — She lived a truly human, faithful, life.

Granted, Mary's circumstances are unique: She is free from all sin, original and actual. But that's unique not because of Mary but because of us. Mary's life is how we all were supposed to live. Our incapacity to do that is our own doing, not a design flaw in our creation. That God preserved Mary from stain of sin was a special grace, but one that made Her what humanity was originally designed to be.

People insist "I'm not perfect." That's true. But God neither made us imperfect nor remains content with what we've become. Mary shows us what is a truly human life free from the downward tug of sin and its effects (concupiscence).

That we will never be completely like Mary is simply a truth of history: man broke what he was supposed to be. A broken leg can be restored and healed, but some residue of having been broken normally remains. It will never be as strong as a leg that was never broken. A filled tooth will not ache, but to expect that it has all the qualities of the original, unspoiled tooth would be a miracle God didn't have to grant.

Just two examples of how Mary teaches us true humanity: freedom and the end of Her life.

The modern world grossly misunderstands freedom, thinking it places humans in some "neutral" spot between good and evil, "choice" being the end of free action. That's wrong. Freedom is a means, not an end. The end of human action is goodness not freedom. Goodness is to be done and evil avoided.

Freedom makes that good mine, but it neither renders that choice automatically good nor avoids guilt when used to choose evil. Mary always saw the beauty of God, never the glamour of evil. That gave Her choosing a unique aspect that we who are seduced by sin lack. But it doesn't mean Her choice wasn't truly human. Arguably, our choices are less human.

In defining the dogma of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII spoke not of Mary's "death" but "the end of Her earthly life" to recognize that in whatever way Mary passed from this life to eternity, that transit was unlike death as sinful man knows it. Mary's Dormition was unique, but that's because the way the rest of us humans die was never divinely willed, "because God did not make death." (Wisdom 1:13) In that sense, Mary's Assumption is really a kind of "first fruit" of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension, and an anticipation of our own transfiguration at the Last Judgment.

Catholic thought and spirituality would be much enriched by recovering its Marian aspects and plumbing the Truth of Her humanity as a way of understanding who and what we, too, are.

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Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace.

May 1

1885 Ophelia Doucet Lee 1891 Clet Maurice Darby 1901 Edvol Bonin 1909 Charles Dugas 1912 Therese Blanchard 1912 Eve Bonin 1918 Aleandre Antoine 1921 Claude Bonin 1939 Marguerite Washington 1950 Eva Mitchell 1958 Edwin Oubre 1967 Aurore LeBlanc 1989 Euphemie Segura 2011 Lorraine Huval 2015 Kimberly Decuir

May 2 1877 Sylvanie Bienvenu 1885 Francoise Pierre 1886 Melina Limoine 1891 Esther Peucell 1904 Florence Oubre 1930 St. Yve Judice 1936 Clesmee Dugas 1953 Joseph Vital 1962 Leed Judice 1978 Holly White 1981 Edna Braquet 1988 Barbara Walker 2000 Doris Judice 2020 James Preston Sr.

May 3

1888 (Unknown) Landry 1904 Rozamond Broussard 1907 Fernand Louis 1944 Joseph Willis 1970 Didier Girouard 1978 Mary Holbury 1999 Keith Marcantel 2007 Margaret Breaux 2015 Mary Davis 2016 Mazel Decoux

May 4

1898 Anatole Michel 1906 Sylvio Richard 1906 Anatole Gondran 1910 Dositee Breause 1915 Rosella Vital 1916 Junius Tauzin 1924 Irene Dugas 1969 Won Bonin 1969 Charles Blanchard 1996 Josie Broussard 2004 Wilson Guillot Jr. 2011 Aden Sonnier 2011 Owen Sonnier 2020 Sadie Breaux 2021 Eric Suire

May 5

1903 Charles Landry 1921 Marie Richard 1936 Adelma Decuir 1936 Casimir Jacques 1939 Helene Plessala 1946 Marie Guillotte 1975 Despany Provost 1999 Rose Louviere 2004 Margaret Chenier

May 6

1895 Jeanne Ste. Marie 1908 Jean Berard 1927 Elcie Verret 1955 Marie Dugas 1958 John Campbell 1971 Maurice Gaubert 1979 Lucier Angelle 1986 Andrew Verret 1994 Dalton Bonin Sr 1995 Gladys Ronsonet 1997 Placide Sonnier 1999 Rita Habetz 2005 Delta Latiolais 2013 Wallace Goudeau

May 7 1919 Louis Blanchard 1949 Lydia Johnny 2002 Louis Crochet 2007 Albert Lissard Jr

May 8 1876 Adam Bonin 1900 Adrien Aucoin 1958 Leon Braquet 1963 Rita Barrilleaux 1972 Colgin Dressel 1991 Percival Bellott 1999 Amelie Trosclair 2014 Keith Durand

2017 Norman Chastant 2020 Aline Mitchell

May 9 1877 Jule Magloire 1885 Lucy Ross 1885 Alcide Boutte 1886 Josephine Mitchell 1887 Anne Bernard 1892 Ephé Dugas 1895 Willie LeCamus 1897 Infant Normand 1908 Horace Gondran 1909 Celine Dauterive 1909 Asseus LeBlanc 1950 Albert Gonsoulin 1972 Philip Hebert Sr. 1993 William Ritter Jr. 1998 Wilson Courville 2008 Leona Landry 2011 Judith Berard

May 10 1882 (unknown) Sarrazin 1902 Nicholas LeBlanc 1903 Marie Oubre 1905 Mrs. Alcee Bouvre 1930 Marie Olivier 1949 Paul Braquet 1953 Clyde Chiles 1959 Emma Hebert 1973 Leonard Ronsonet 1999 Jestnair Bonin 2005 Marie Escagne 2014 Hazel Barras

May 11 1873 James Rigabay 1882 Alizia Albert 1916 Antoinette Barras 1931 Early Gardner 1937 Gabriele Vaughn 1948 Mrs. Victor Hebert 1986 Tonya Prioux 2008 Lt. Col. Peter Fazio 2011 Bernice Dauterive 2016 Christian Peltier 2016 Nicholas Peltier

May 12 1873 William Compton 1894 Mrs. Dupré Gonsoulin 1901 Louis Champagne 1901 Infant Borel 1916 Elmar Bastian 1930 Cesaire Granger 1933 Joseph Lasseigne 1938 Massera Dugas 1943 Luzin Gonsoulin 1961 Numa Broussard 1973 George Bonin 1977 Edmae Judice 2004 Anne Courville

May 13 1909 Corinne Bonin 1919 Robert Judice 1924 Eusebe Dugas 1926 Corine John 1930 Etienne Častillo 1948 Mrs. Arenise Magloire 1991 Doris Barras 2011 Francis Mestayer 2018 Joseph Bastian

May 14

1915 Gertrude Paul 1916 Clara Judice 1920 Oscar Broussard 1922 Mrs. John Alfred 1923 Alex Ambroise 1939 Eldise Gregoire 1976 Fernand Crochet 1998 Patricia Best 2004 Edna Crochet 2007 Roy Freyou 2009 Leone Breaux 2009 Alex LeBlanc 2016 James Trimble 2020 Jamie Thibodeaux

May 15 1919 Mrs. Alfred Gondran 1996 Dr. Raymond Schneider Sr. 1969 Beatrice Olivier 1971 Aline Borel Dugas 2015 Merlin Walet Jr. 2017 William Landry 2017 Jodi Landry 2020 Lawrence Viator

> May 16 1882 Ovignac Hamilton 1888 Marie Hamilton 1897 Joseph Chourreau 1900 Infant Breaux 1905 Virginee Decuir 1928 Harry Berard 1930 Hazel Louis 1948 Oscar Casillo 1967 Joseph Dore 1976 Loto Segura 1986 Dick Ronsonet 1999 Laurence Judice 2013 Eula Vital 2019 Terrel Dressel Sr

May 17 1897 Aristiede Guilbot 1902 Mrs. Marcellin Gardner 1906 Jean Neuville 1912 Eve Crochet 1920 Jennie Bourda 1921 Clarence Jones 1930 Infant John 1947 Octave Broussard 1957 Wilfred Trosclair 1979 Steve Crochet 1987 Mathilde Toffier 2010 Harold Broussard 2019 Terry Antoine

May 18 1878 Henri Hamilton 1878 Dauterive Tofier 1901 Mrs. Edvol Bonin 1906 Lucien Berard 1909 Numa Hebert 1917 Edith Grivat 1921 William Indice 1945 Albert Anthony 1959 Octave Richard 1964 Julius Crochet 1998 Frederick Lawson 2004 Roy Berard Sr. 2009 Mark Tauzin 2010 Pierre Borel 2018 Irving Dauterive Sr. 2020 Michael Judice

May 19 1873 Infant Norbert 1877 John Thompson 1908 Harris Hamilton 1911 Joseph Boutte 1916 Marguerite Gonsoulin 1932 Charles Gesser 1933 Joseph Sias 1947 Mary Cole 1952 Reme Toffier 1957 Rufus Vincent 1969 Louis Breaux 1976 Etienne Boudreaux 2008 Patricia Vaughn

2010 Patrick Courts Jr. 2015 John Steiner 2017 Willie Granger 2022 Errol Crochet

May 20 1884 Leonie Falcon 1907 Annette Breaux 1925 Oscar Molbert 1998 Byron Toliver 2005 Marie Bergeron 2021 Roland Champeaux

May 21 1893 Infant Queneau 1898 Theodore Trone 1900 Infant Albert 1906 Felix Anthony 1909 Leocade Gregoire 1917 Auguste DeMahy 1940 Laura Daigle 1947 Joseph Louviere 1952 Alcide Rodrigues 1961 Lydia Broussard 1961 Grace Rebert 1994 Lorraine Prados 1996 Jessie Judice 2020 Maydell Peltier

May 22

1899 Davis Broussard 1933 Theresa Collins 1959 Trinda Lanson 1969 Amy Berard 1986 George Pitre 2000 Esmav Provost 2000 Elaine Schneider 2002 Dewey Latiolais Sr 2022 Pete Taylor

May 23 1878 Jules Odui 1887 George Champeau 1897 Meo LeCamus 1908 Marie Ben 1903 Joseph Honoré 1917 Simon LeBland 1918 Mrs. Frank Broussard 1939 Edna Louviere 1944 Henri Fontenette 1947 Ida Broussard 1960 Sylvio Gonsoulin 1962 Horace Pennison 1964 Henry Braquet 1976 James Wilkerson 2010 Douglas Erikson 2011 Valarie Mitchell 2015 Gloria Plessala 2016 Rena Judice 2016 Alton Bonin

May 24 1873 Victor Bourgois 1888 Odile LeCamus 1898 Marie Louis 1908 Mrs. Theodore Oubre 1912 Creeder Louis 1914 Helie Blanchard 1923 Mrs. Gaston Segura 1920 Louis Thomas 1962 Rev. Henry Galvin 1986 Lydia Wilkinson 2003 Yvonne Romero 2003 Alvee Broussard 2015 Jordan Prince

May 25 1895 Romial Julien 1913 Elodie Fontenette 1923 Jean John 1934 Adam Louviere 1982 Corinne Hebert 1987 Edith Borel 1995 Antoinette Oubre 1996 Helen Bonin 2001 Constance Prioux 2011 Grace Decuir 2012 Betty Broussard 2018 Norman Burke

May 26 1887 Euphemon Vincent 1906 Sylvia John 1908 Mrs. Aristide Dugas 1928 Sidney Mestayer 1948 Louis Champeaux 1949 Mrs. Alphonse Boutté 1982 Marie Hauck 1989 Odillon Guillot 2006 John Melancon Jr. 2009 Reese Morgan 2013 Joseph Guillot IV

May 27 1888 Floviues Breaux 1904 Joseph Dugas 1933 Albert Alexander 1947 Alvin Segura 1960 Alphonse Landry 1966 Ralph Gonsoulin 1966 Lucille Bonin 2005 Elmire Tauzin 2013 Vernice Anthony

May 28 1874 Honoré Michel 1911 Beauregard Neuville 1919 A. O. Prince 1923 Henry Williams 1923 Junius Antoine 1937 Antenor Patin 1938 Charles Vincent 1972 Anna Frioux 1975 Lillian Broussard 1996 Alsace Prioux Sr. 2000 Vernon Louviere Sr. 2006 Odette Judice

May 29

1882 Louise Liret 1889 Laurie Dominigue 1911 Marcel Provost 1927 Gustave Hebert 1941 Augustin Antoine 1946 Joseph John 1970 Wallace Landry 1981 Lloyd Dressel 1981 Leed Oubre 1983 Loto Broussard 2013 Amelina Domingue 2022 Craig Breaux

May 30

1912 Prosper Alexandre 1914 Numa Decuir 1914 Allen Dugas 1922 Desiré Bonin 1930 Numa Jones 1931 George Broussard 1941 Edward Broussard 1958 Mrs. Voorhies Bonin 1982 Corine Louviere 1988 Claudette Burt 2004 Agnes Breaux

May 31

1885 (Unknown) Boutte 1896 Mrs. Emor LeBlanc 1918 A. Bonin 1930 Gustave Peter 1948 Hazard Vaughn Sr. 2005 Nolia Courville 2017 Flloyd Willis



Happy Birthday! May God richly bless you on your special day. It will be our privilege to remember you at the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass as we offer the Victim.

May 1

Wayne Amy Ryan DeRouen Tricia Halphen Annette Landry Dane Legnon Terry Martin José Rodriguez, Jr.

May 2

Emider Espinosa Alec Freyou Julie Grivat Bryce Lancon Kegun Senette

May 3

Luca Albert Teasa DeGeneres Kohen Douet Wyatt Fouquier Shaw Guillotte Eleanor Lokitz Logan Louviere

> May 4 Joshua Babin

Mitch Boudreaux Trent Boudreaux Chad Breaux Kaisley Breaux Aubree Broussard Juan Castillo Adeline Clifton Jamie Martin Ashlee Norris Adelle Patin Zachary Picard

May 5

Reese Dugas Jerry Frazier Jr. Stephen Hebert Jayna Mestayer Hailey Thomassee

May 6

Paul Beyt Kinley Dressel Karson Durand Laikyn Faulk Trey Latiolais Charlie VonMosch Parker Wilke May 7 Camille Babineaux Helayna Breaux Alicia Daigle Shelly Foreman Heidi LeBlanc Shannon Neuville

May 8 Owen Broussard Misty Delahoussaye Conner Hebert Addison Quinlan Ava Viator Stacey Walker

May 9 Kasey Delcambre Gavin Lancon Luke Latiolais Randi Provost

May 10 Kali Babineaux Lauren Barthelemy Dylan Darbonne Michael Dressel Kacy Folse Cain Layton Remi LeJeune Christie Richard

May 11 Austin Angelle Chase Boyer Sarah Boyer Neal Comb Kelby Defelice Evan Ronsonet Adia Sonnier

May 12 Brad Clifton Cullen Crochet Colin Delahoussaye Isabella Espinosa Blaire Lemaire Kim Monteaux Jacquelyn Stevens Roger Thibodeaux

May 13 Stefani Barras Gail Borel Jaiden Boudreaux Karl Champagne Greyson Graves Oliver Guidry Jillian Hebert Renee Judice

May 14 Julien Barras Gabrielle Borel Harriette Breaux Alexson Broussard Alex Frazier Jacob Freyou Aubree Girouard Sawyer Huval Leigh Lawson Andrew Martin William Martin

May 15 Kyler Boudreaux Jacquie Guillot Alivia Judice John Thomas Neuville Emma Romero Ethan Romero Lyla Ronsonet James Verret

May 16 Mary Babineaux Becky Beyt Angela Chataignier Johnette Crochet Lacey Graves Stanley Mestayer Brittany Robin Baylee Romero Sophia Romero Julie Thibeaux

May 17 Stevie Bourque Cy Breaux Kathleen Dorsey Bryce Theriot Robyn Theriot

May 18 Taylor Blanchard Carla Darcey John Luke Dugas Timothy Garrett Noah LaSalle Zoe Latiolais Nicholas Pommier Cameron Stevens May 19 Hannah Albert Robert Escagne Geraldine Lasseigne Victoria Leger Trey Morris McKinsey Owens Hunter Poche

May 20 Louisette Broussard Percy Chataignier II Rachel Girouard Reagan Judice Timmi McHugh Jonathan Richter

May 21 Holly Babineaux Brad Boudreaux Sr. Sammi Jo Bouque Christopher Courville Alec Douet Talon Eldridge Richard Frioux Marcus Hebert Connor Landry John Mitchell

May 22 Amelia Broussard Brennan Crochet Kristyn Dorsey Deacon Chris Doumit Hugh Jackson Hannah Johnson Christine Walet

> May 23 Kelci Bodin Lynl Champagne Mary Champagne Harlee Courville Charlie Dugas Emmie Frederick Wyatt Milliman Kammie Prados

May 24 Devin Dautreuil Elliot Halphen Kris Hebert Ericka Hoffpauir Bonnie Mestayer Trevor Prados Adam Provost Amy Simon

Fr. Crochet and Fr. Godwin

May 25 Ryan Huval Selena Mitchell Beau Thibodeaux

May 26

Bliss DeCourt Ames Dupuis III Kassie Girouard Kassie Lebeouf Amber Patout Cody Segura Emma Theriot

May 27

Bridgette Amy Francine Bonin Marlee Boudreaux Gabriel Chatagnier Jaxon Dressel Jaydon Dressel Payton Judice Myrna Landry Peyton Meche

May 28

Lennon Bourque Brynn Broussard Cecilia Jordon Victoria Landry Austin Melancon Dash Neuville Luke Owens III Meghan Segura

May 29

Tina Belaire Nicholas Bourgeois Kristi Legnon Logan Romero

May 31

Dylan Angelle Sandra Cole Everett Escagne Sara Espinosa Colton LeBlanc Chase Norris Alexis Sonnier Katie Theriot Ella Toups Gary Worsham

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